



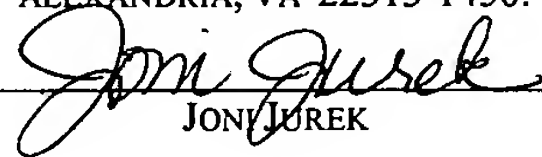
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Dear Sir or Madam:

This communication responds to the final Office Action mailed on September 15, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on December 15, 2006. It is submitted that this reply is timely filed within two months of the shortened statutory period. If any extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicants hereby request an extension for such additional time period and authorize the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

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Please replace the existing Abstract with the Abstract set forth below. Additionally, please amend claims 13 and 16 as set forth below in the listing of claims. This listing of claims replaces all previous listings.